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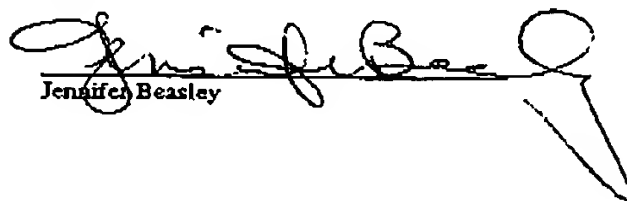
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action of September 20, 2005 for the above-identified application. There are no amendments made herein to the Application. Applicants submit herewith Declarations under 37 CFR 1.132 of Dr. Lloyd D. Clark and Mr. Michael Montgomery. These declarations were not deemed necessary earlier in the prosecution of this application and were therefore not submitted until now. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the declarations and reconsideration of the application in light thereof.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.